

## Provisional Vital Statistics for May 2006

**Live births** increased in May as 6,926 Missouri babies were born compared with 6,680 in May 2005. Births also increased for the cumulative five-month period ending with May, from 32,322 in 2005 to 33,888 in 2006.

**Deaths** decreased in May as 5,154 Missourians died compared with 5,533 one year earlier. Cumulative deaths increased for the five months ending with May, but decreased for the 12 months ending with May.

The **Natural increase** in May was 1,772 (6,926 birth minus 5,154 deaths). This compares with 1,147 one year earlier.

**Marriages** decreased for all three time periods shown below.

**Dissolutions of marriage** increased for all three time periods. For the 12 months ending with May, the marriage to divorce rate decreased from 1.90 to 1.79.

**Infant deaths** decreased in May but increased for the cumulative 5 and 12 month periods ending with May. For the 12 months ending with May, the infant death rate increased from 7.6 to 7.8 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>May</u>				<u>Jan-May cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with May</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b>Live Births</b> .....	6,680	6,926	12.7	14.0	32,322	33,888	13.3	13.9	78,986	78,203	13.3	13.7	13.4
<b>Deaths</b> .....	5,533	5,154	10.5	10.4	25,298	26,569	10.4	10.9	54,883	54,162	9.5	9.5	9.3
<b>Natural increase</b> .....	1,147	1,772	2.2	3.6	7,024	7,319	2.9	3.0	24,103	24,041	3.8	4.2	4.1
<b>Marriages</b> .....	4,357	3,660	8.3	7.4	14,113	13,120	5.8	5.4	40,863	39,682	7.0	7.1	6.8
<b>Dissolutions</b> .....	1,869	1,983	3.6	4.0	8,688	9,835	3.6	4.0	21,547	22,167	3.8	3.7	3.8
<b>Infant deaths</b> .....	62	45	9.3	6.5	258	284	8.0	8.4	604	608	7.3	7.6	7.8
<b>Population base</b> ..... (in thousands)	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,800	5,840	...	...	5,735	5,777	5,817

\* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Rates are adjusted to account for varying lengths of monthly reporting periods.

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